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For: **CARBOXYLIC ACID AND AMINO ACID OR AMINO ACID CONDENSATE  
REACTANTS AND MANUFACTURING METHOD THEREFOR**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Sir:

This constitutes an Information Disclosure Statement under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98. The attached documents as enumerated on the accompanying Form PTO-1449 are hereby brought to the Examiner's attention in the patent application identified above. A copy of this form is submitted herewith.

These references were cited in an International Search Report by the Japanese Patent Office as the International Searching Authority in International Application PCT/JP98/02418, of which the present applicant is a continuation in part.

**Concise Explanation of Relevance  
Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(3)**

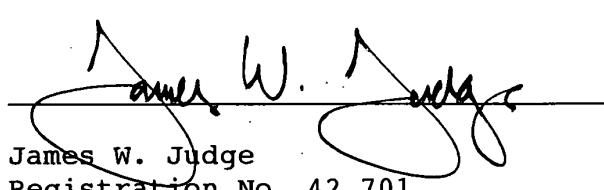
Abstracts of JP 63-105000, JP 61-234918, JP 59-26130 and JP 58-79976 are available and attached thereto. Further, as a concise explanation of the relevance of the references, a copy of the English version of the above-mentioned International Search Report is submitted herewith.

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The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider these references, to indicate so on the accompanying Form PTO-1449, and to make the document of record in the present application.

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